

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9277  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
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BANGKOK PLEASE TRANSMIT TO UDORN ELECTRONICALLY

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SWEL, TBIO, LA  
SUBJECT: MALARIA POSES THREAT TO LAOS IN 1978

REF: BANGKOK 14038 (NOTAL)

1. A SENIOR WHO OFFICIAL TOLD US MAY 18 THAT THE MALARIA DANGER TO THE LAO POPULATION IN 1978 WAS SERIOUS BUT NOT CRITICAL. HE NOTED THAT THE EARLY MONSOON RAINS WHICH HAVE APPARENTLY AFFECTED ALL OF LAOS WOULD PROMOTE A BEAVIER DENSITY OF THE MALARIA MOSQUITO.

2. HE SAID THAT IT APPEARED THAT SPRAYING OF DDT WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN VIENTIANE AND CHAMPASSAK PROVINCES. IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE, SPRAYING WHICH SHOULD PRECEDE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MONSOONS FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUST NOW GETTING UNDERWAY. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 TONS OF DDT IN STOCK IN VIENTIANE AND THAT ANOTHER 17 TONS (BOUGHT FROM A CALIFORNIA-BASED FIRM) WERE IN BANGKOK AWAITING SHIPMENT TO VIENTIANE.

3. HE SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL NEEDS IN CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE, TO INCLUDE

PROTECTION AGAINST MALARIA. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE SENDING CHLOROQUINE TABLETS AND 50 TONS OF DDT TO CHAMPASSAK BUT THAT HE HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

4. ACCORDING TO LAO SOURCES, THE LAO GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DISPENSE DRUGS TO PROTECT AGAINST MALARIA IN VIENTIANE, THOUGH SUCH DRUGS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOCAL MARKET. ACCORDING TO THE SENIOR WHO OFFICIAL, PERSONS TRAVELLING MORE THAN 25 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF VIENTIANE, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, REQUIRE PROTECTION AGAINST MALARIA. ROBERTS

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